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GROUP 3711
PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: SOLID MULTI-PIECE GOLF BALL

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ATTN: BOX AF
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claim:

(B15601)
17. (New) The golf ball of claim 1, wherein the Shore D hardness of the mantle is less than the Shore D hardness of the surface of the solid core.

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 4-17 are all the claims now pending in the application.